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RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

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INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

OHR. DE GUIGNÉ,
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
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Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

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THE CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological and General Literary References.

BY WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYERS.

Price: \$3.

Shanghai, KELLY & Co.
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Intimations.

NOTICE.

A MAN'S character should be judged from what it has been before, and by that means elegance or worthlessness can be discerned. A story should be judged by its true or false bearings, so that right and wrong may be distinguished. These remarks apply to the case in which Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak were, on the 27th day of the 10th moon last year (24th November 1875), slandered by Lai Ming Chun.

Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak have been residing for more than ten years in Hongkong and have always been employed in representing Nam Pak Hong in their transactions with foreigners. While their character stands high, their conduct is excellent, and they have for a long time back been respected by both Chinese and foreigners. They have not only not borne a name that is approaching to anything improper, but they have not in the course of all their actions done anything objectionable. Unexpectedly, however, slander came upon them unwares, but of course, when virtue stands high, reproach will come. They were therefore falsely charged by Lai Ming Chun's letter, which was void of all truth, with selling people for emigration abroad. They are indeed labouring under a false imputation from which it is now difficult for them to clear themselves. Our office, therefore, in punishing Lai Ming Chun for having done what he ought not to have done, orders him—and he consents—to pay the sum of \$400, the amount of legal expenses, he has also by way of punishment to pay \$25 into the Poor Box for the benefit of the Hongkong Poor. He is further punished by having to pay the expenses of advertising in the Chinese and foreign newspapers in the Colony, three of each, for the period of one month, a notice which will bring before the public his sin in this defamation. Reparations like these will, perhaps, at any in a measure the indignation which Messrs Tsang and Woo feel.

When a man finds fault with others he ought in the first instance to enquire whether he himself is unblemished. Now Lai Ming Chun, as a man, is not one who is numbered among the gentry, nor is his name pronounced by the lips of the illustrious. Yet he falsely dilates in slanderous language and spreads diffused by word of mouth stories to the detriment and pollution of (the good name of) Messrs Tsang and Woo. It was right therefore that Messrs Tsang and Woo sought to sue him in the Courts of Justice, and he was on the eve of being punished by the utmost penalty of the law. Fortunately, however, Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity is expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and they deal with people liberally; with that end in view, they therefore prefer, instead of punishing him, as he rightly deserves, to forgive him of the enormous crime of which he has been guilty. Having ceased litigation now, they have no resentment against any one, and by so doing, they cherish the friendly tie that exists amongst the Chinese clans. They have also shewn that in doing this they are inflicting a lenient punishment for the sake of a great warning. They are indeed fully sustaining the benevolent principles of the great men, and for this act of theirs, may the happiness (or good fortune) of Messrs Tsang and Woo never grow less.

THE UNIVERSAL CIRCULATING HERALD (SUN WAN YAT PO).

Hongkong, February 19, 1876. mc19

NOTICE IN EXPLANATION OF A SLANDER.

THE principles of right or wrong will reveal themselves in course of time, and this saying is clearly set forth in the History of China. When undue reliance is placed on statements by word of mouth, a good argument is always wanting, and this is what the Book of Changes has always guarded people against. If a man is not guilty of anything seriously wrong, is it likely that he will submit himself to be killed? With regard to Lai Ming Chun, he is indeed a bare-faced fellow, and one who has no regard for anything. On the 27th day of the 10th Moon last year (24th November 1875), he slandered Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak by falsely accusing them of being engaged in the nefarious trade of selling people for the purposes of emigration, and that in their transactions they were in fact kidnappers. And finally, he recorded the same in the Sun Wan Yat Po, (The Universal Circulating Herald), so that Messrs Tsang and Woo had thought of suing him before the local authorities, so that he might be punished for libelling people's character. Fortunately for him, however, Lai Ming Chun was in time of his own wrong in slandering the character of good men, and now he has voluntarily consented to pay the penalty of bearing the legal expenses in the sum of \$400, and to pay also (into the poor box) \$25, for the relief of the Hongkong poor; also, from his own funds, to pay the costs of inserting in the Chinese and foreign newspapers, three of each, for the period of one month, an article, in order to redeem himself from what he has been guilty of. But this, nevertheless, would not actually be sufficient to cover the enormity of his sin. The reason why Messrs Tsang and Woo condescended to these terms was because they had been advised by intimate friends, who urged that, inasmuch as both parties were Chinese men, how could they, Messrs Tsang and Woo, have the heart to see him (Lai Ming Chun) put in a gaol of the foreigners? So that it would be far better that they should

forgive him, but inflict a small penalty by way of a small warning.

It so happened, luckily, that Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity proved to be as expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and it was thus that the matter was put an end to. This is sufficient to shew that Messrs Tsang and Shun are peaceful and quiet men, and that they have done a very good act. But Lai Ming Chun is a man who is very much conceited (lit. the night pedestrian who thinks a great deal of himself), and one who falsely dilates in satire and raillery. He began life in a very mean position, and is not of a respectable family (lit. the descendant of the pure and white). While in a menial position, he, moreover, offends his superiors. Therefore it would not be arbitrary were he to be banished—beyond the frontiers, nor would it be too much were he to be put to the sword (lit. under the axe). Now that he is only fined in so small a sum, it is indeed his good fortune that he has escaped greater consequences.

ONE WHO UPHOLDS JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 19th Feb., 1876. mc19

* This has reference to a Chinese story, which, in its moral, is very similar to the Frog and Bull story in Esop's Fables.—Translator.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company, will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1876, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 11th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1876. mc24

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

DIVIDEND Warrants for the Dividend to Dec. 31/75, at the rate of \$10 per Share, can be obtained at the Office on or after 29th February.

By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

No. 2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 29, 1876. ap1

COAL DEPOT.

COALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Underigned. Orders may be left at the Godowns, Wharf, with Mr. J. MACLEHOSSE, or LEONG AN YOK, KWONGHING, PRAYA.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1875. my1

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON,
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.
THE Underigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS,
E. C. RAY.
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.
WE have established branches of our Firm at Hsinphong and Hanoi. Mr. E. CONSTANTINE is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,
the 20th day of March, 1876, at Noon,
at the Cosmopolitan Docks, Kowloon,—

Four Worthington Pumps.
Boiler.
Donkey Pump.
Exhaust Pipes.
Suction do.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

A Steam Launch will leave Peddar's Wharf for the Docks at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc20

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 21st March, 1876, at Noon, on the Premises,—

All that piece or parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Section B of Inland Lot No. 584, and known as "Overlook Court," situated in the rear of No. 9 Police Station, Cause Road, with the Six Messuages or Tenements standing thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$9.72.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, March 11, 1876. mc21

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from the Executors of the late Capt. L. YOUNG to sell by Public Auction at the "London Inn," Queen's Road, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 22nd March, 1876, at Noon,—

The FURNITURE, etc., therein, comprising—Chairs, Tables, Sideboard, Engravings, Gas Lamps, Bar Fittings, Pewter Mugs, Glassware, Wines, and Spirits.

Also,
A Billiard TABLE, by Straple and Hughes.
2 Hhds. Beer.
&c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 17, 1876. mc22

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 24th March, 1876, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,—

Sundry Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising:—
Old Iron, Zinc, Glass, Hoses, Leather, Lignumvite, Blocks, etc.
Blue Cloth, Duck Flannel, Rags, Biscuit Dust, Implements, Cases, and Canteen.

Also,
One Ice-making Machine.
One Washing Machine.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The lots, with all faults and errors of every description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 17, 1876. mc24

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on

and after TUESDAY Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced

Prices, consisting of:—
Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
Wool Plaids and Flannels.
Silks and Poplins.
Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.
Fancy Wool Goods.
Lace and Linen Sets.
Scarves and Sashes.
Boys' Suits.
Children's Dresses.
&c., &c., &c.

Victoria Exchange,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street

For Sale.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO OARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen.)
Pints, \$16 " " (2 ")
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY.
\$12 per case (1 dozen.)
For SALE BY
HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1875. st.

FOR SALE.

200 Cases OLIVET from BORDEAUX.
Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain BURNES, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc19

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamer
"LEONOR,"
will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3 p.m., instead of the time previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 17, 1876. mc20

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Company's Steamship
"DIOMEDE,"
will be despatched on or about the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 14, 1876. mc22

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.
Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship
"NESTOR,"
will be despatched on or about the 22nd Instant.

4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 14, 1876. mc22

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling off SOMERSET, COOKTOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOWEN and KEPPEL BAY, to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"QUEENSLAND,"
Captain CRAIG, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 14, 1876. mc25

FOR MANILA.
The Steamship
"GUNGA,"
GARCEAU, Master, will be despatched to Manila on or about the 25th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 17, 1876. mc26

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to HIOGO & NAGASAKI.)
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "SUNDA,"
will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the Mongolia with the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 16, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MONGOLIA,"
will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 16, 1876.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 British Clipper Ship
"SIDENHAM,"
FRANK BRISTOW, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship
"LATHLEY RICH,"
RAY T. LEWIS, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON.)
The A 1 American Ship
"SAMUEL G. REED,"
WHITE, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Ship
"HAZE,"
WILKINSON, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 British Ship
"SHALIMAR,"
WALKER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1876. ap15

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship
"NIGHTINGALE,"
PALMER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1876. ap15

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The American Ship
"SUMATRA,"
MULLIN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876. mc23

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship
"MARY WHITBRIDGE,"
OUTLER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 9, 1876. ap20

FOR HAMBURG.
The A 1 German Barque
"NIGOLINE,"
318 Tons Register, Captain AELMANN, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876.

FOR YLOILO VIA MANILA.
The Spanish Schooner
"UNION,"
MERRICHACHEVARIA, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, March 17, 1876.

Mails.



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Also,

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship **TEHERAN**, Captain A. H. JOHNSON, with *Her Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo*, will leave this for the above places, on **THURSDAY**, the 30th Instant, at Noon.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon; **SPELLE and PARCELS** at the Office until 2 p.m. on the 29th Idem.

For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS and VALUE of PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels, and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from inaccuracy on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bill of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 16, 1876. m80

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on **SATURDAY**, the 1st April, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1876. apl

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Next U. S. Mail Steamer will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on **SATURDAY**, the 15th April, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 15, 1876. apl6

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE "OCEANIC."

THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked SALMON. Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR in Barrels and Tins.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAIW.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates.

This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders; annually, in cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels, and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1866.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY. (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the world. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the above Association will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$16,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1874.

Insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company in Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance, payable in Australia, London, Calcutta, Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons holding Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Interest, or Bonuses, are requested to present same for payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise their claims will not be recognised.

ADOLF ANDRE, F. D. SASSOON, Liquidators.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875. apl

THE SCOTCH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on Goods, to the extent of \$10,000, at the usual rates, subject to an immediate discount of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

Life Policies effected during the year 1875, share in the Bonus to be declared on 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending.

A. MAGG HEATON.

Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

To Let.

TO LET. With Immediate Possession.

Two Dwelling Houses and Offices, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs RAYNAL & Co.

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The Dwelling House No. 4, Alexandra Terrace.

The Store and Dwelling House, No. 31, Queen's Road, lately in the occupation of Miss GARRETT.

The House and Office, No. 3, D'Agulhar Street, lately in the occupation of Mr F. DEGRASSE.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875.

TO LET.

With Possession on the 1st April.

The Premises in Queen's Road Central, known as the "London Inn."

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

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A GOOD TWO-STALLED STABLE, with Coach-house annexed, with immediate possession.

Rent \$6 per month. Apply at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 14, 1876. m81

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, Furnished.

Apply to M. STOUT.

Hongkong, February 23, 1876.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS STORAGE, GODOWNS, on the Praya.

Apply to TAYLOR & THOMPSON.

Hongkong, November 20, 1876.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 6, Zetland Street, House No. 2, Seymour Terrace, House No. 3, Peddar's Hill.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1876.

Intimations.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE "SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE,"

IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA and as a large

INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE

ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

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TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Underigned on or before the 22nd day of April, 1876.

And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate are requested to Pay to the Underigned their several Debts, without delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors for the Executors.

2 Club Chambers.

Hongkong, February 22, 1876. ap22

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The Expedition of the Mongols Against Java in 1293, A.D.

The Wry-Necked Tree.

Phallic Worship.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries on Eastern Matters—Chinese Anti-Opium Associations.

Publications of the Hongkong Corresponding Committee of the Kellogg.

Tract Soc.

Hongkong School-book Committee.

Chinese Will.

Chinese Breach-Loading Guns.

History of the Maritime Provinces.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 11, 1876.

NOTICE.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TRI-WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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MR CHUN AYIN, Manager.

China Mail Office.

17th February, 1874.

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Hongkong, July 21, 1874.

Intimations.

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FRAUD.

On the 27th June, 1866, MOTEEWAL LAH, a Printer, was convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeiting the

LABELS

of Messrs CROSSE & BLACKWELL, London, and was sentenced by Mr Justice Phear to

Two Years' Rigorous Imprisonment; And on the 30th of the same month, for

Selling Spurious Articles

bearing Labels in imitation of Messrs CROSSE & BLACKWELL, SAAR BACH was sentenced, by the Suburban Magistrate at Sealdah, to

Two Years' Rigorous Imprisonment.

CAUTION.—Any one selling spurious imitation of the above, under Crosse & Blackwell's name, will be liable to the same punishment, and will be vigorously prosecuted. Purchasers are recommended to examine all goods carefully upon taking delivery of them, and to destroy any bottles and jars when emptied. The GENUINE Manufactures, the corals of which are all branded with Crosse & Blackwell's name, may be had from EVERY RESPECTABLE DEALER in India.

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Notices to Consignees.

FROM BOMBAY AND KUNACHEN.

FRENCH Steamer Asia having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at their risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, March 15, 1876.

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Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O.S.S. CO.'S S.S. PATROCLUS, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 20th March, for shipment per S.S. Vestor.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, March 14, 1876.

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FROM CALCUTTA AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Flamingo having arrived, Consignees of Ordinary Singapore Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. 'Opium and Calcutta Cargo will be delivered from on board, and Consignees are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense without further notice.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, March 14, 1876.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

MARITIMES.

S. S. HOOGLY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S.S. "Euphrate," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from Friday, the 10th Instant, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 4 p.m. Today, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 16th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent,
Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,

ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,

AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, ST. DENIS AND PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S.S. TIGRE, Commandant BAZIN, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and

CARGO, will leave this Port for the above

Places.

Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and so on in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 2 p.m. on the 22nd March, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent,
Hongkong, March 15, 1876.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "YANGTSE,"

E. SCHUTTE, Master, will be

despatched for the above Ports

TO-MORROW, the 19th Instant, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 18, 1876.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 17, Nightingale, Amer. ship, 722,

J. A. Palmer, Yokohama Mar. 6, Ballast.

Russell & Co.

Mar. 18, Braemar Castle, Brit. steamer,

1426, Marshall, Saigon Mar. 14, Rice.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

March 18, Feronia, German steamer,

1038, Schultz, Saigon Mar. 13, Rice.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

March 18, Yangtze, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 17, Fyen, for Bangkok.

18, Arratoon Apar, for Singapore

and Calcutta.

18, Penguin, for Singapore and Calcutta.

18, Centaur, for Portland (Oregon).

18, Sir Harry Parkes, for Fairman.

18, Thoon Krahm, for Bangkok.

18, Sarah Melodion, for London.

CLEARED.

Brinda, for Bangkok.

Spirit of the Age, for Melbourne.

Bojah, for Swatow.

Portia, for Takao.

Douglas, for Swatow, &c.

Vesta, for Chefoo.

James Wilson, for Samarang.

Formosa, for Whampoa.

Lord MacDuff, for Saigoh.

Washi, for Haiphong.

Albatros, for Chefoo.

Arratoon Apar, for Saigon.

Maharajah, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Feronia, 1 European deck

and 24 Chinese.

Per Braemar Castle, 9 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Arratoon Apar, Capt.

Ferrier, R.A., Dr. H. B. Datta, Messrs

N. P. Banajee, P. Metastibhoj, P. M.

Mehta, 34 Indian deck and 305 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Amer. ship Nightingale reports: had strong N.E. winds and thick rainy weather.

The British str. Braemar Castle reports: moderate monsoon and fine weather until nearing Hongkong when encountered heavy fog.

The German steamer Feronia reports: moderate monsoon and high sea until reaching within 50 miles of Hongkong, when experienced dense fog, causing a detention of 24 hours.

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest

London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 6, Annie Braginton, from New York

to Shanghai.

Jan. 8, Ottercap, from Cardiff to Hong-

kong.

Jan. 8, Lyoka Till, from Cardiff to Hong-

kong.

Jan. 10, Echo, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, Titian, from Penarth to Hong-

kong.

Jan. 13, Antipodes, from Cardiff to Hong-

kong.

Jan. 17, Alex. McNeil, from Cardiff to

Hongkong.

Jan. 17, Onward, from Liverpool to Hong-

kong.

Jan. 18, Sophie, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 20, Forward Ho, from London to

Yokohama, &c.

Jan. 22, Flintshire (str.), from London to

Penang, &c.

Jan. 24, Victoria (str.), from Liverpool to

Manila.

Jan. 26, Nestor (str.), from Liverpool to

Shanghai.

Jan. 31, Lord Macaulay, from Newport to

Hongkong.

Feb. 1, Neorhus (str.), from Cardiff to

Hongkong.

Feb. 2, Evelyn, from London to Hongkong.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Candia.

Naples.

Glasgow.

Galley of Lorne.

Viking.

Sailing Vessels.

Cashmere.

Undine.

Paul Marie.

Moss Glen.

At Liverpool.

Antenor (str.)

Agamemnon (str.)

Mary L. Stone

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For NINGPO & SHANGHAI.—

Per YANGTSE, at 8.30 a.m. To-mor-

row, the 19th Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per ARATON APCR, at 8.30 a.m. on

Monday, the 20th Instant.

For MANILA.—

Per LEONOR, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday,

the 20th Instant, instead of as pre-

viously notified.

For SINGAPORE, SOMERSET, COOK-

TOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOW-

EN, KIPPEL BAY, BRISBANE,

SYDNEY, TASMANIA AND MEL-

BOURNE.

Per QUEENSLAND, at 11.30 a.m. on

Saturday, the 25th Instant.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, March 21:—

Noon.—Sale of "Overbeck Court." Goods per Flamingo undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 22:—

Noon.—Sale of Furniture, &c., at "London Inn," Queen's Road.

Diomed leaves for London on or about this date.

Nestor leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

THURSDAY, March 23:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, March 24:—

11 a.m.—Sale of Stores at H. M. Naval Yard.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.

SATURDAY, March 25:—

Noon.—Queenland leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Gunga leaves for Manila on or about this date.

THURSDAY, March 30:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

SATURDAY, April 1:—

8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Belgic leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus of Interest on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

SATURDAY, April 16:—

8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 22:—

Claims against the Estate of Captain Lawrence Young, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:—

Claims against the Estate of Diederich Himmolt, Quierino Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased,

<p>Temperatures. Hongkong, March 18, 1876. <i>(Taken at Messrs. Falcomer & Co.'s Premises</i> <i>Queen's Road.)</i></p>	
THERMOMETER.—A.M.,	64
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Barometer.—A.M.,	30.10
Do, I.P.M.,	30.04

POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1876.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per four ounces, unless otherwise stated.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

(Br.) means By British Packet; (Fr.) by French Packet; (U. S.) by United States Packet. D. P. means Double Postage; C. P., cannot be paid; O. S., cannot be sent; L., at Letter Rate.

TOWN POSTAGE (Victoria) [Letter, Newspaper, Book, or Pattern, 2 cents.]

RATES BY PRIVATE STEAMER.—To the United Kingdom, see Table given below. To all other places the Rate is, Letters, 8 cents; Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 cents; Books and Patterns, 6 cents, which must be prepaid, except when the address is to India.

Correspondence to India by Private Ship cannot be prepaid, by Indian Mail prepayment is optional.

Asia, U. S. Packet, Australia, &c.

W. Africa, St. Helena, Ascension, Malta.

LETTERS.—Ports of China and Japan, Macao, United States (U. S.), Bangkok, Manila, Singapore, Penang, India, Ceylon, Aden, Malte, 8 cents.

Except India, Ceylon, and Aden, by French Packet, 12 cents.

Batavia, 12; Saigon and Pondicherry, (Fr.) 12; New Caledonia, (Fr.) 15, 4 oz. Zanzibar, Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, 20; Mauritius, 22.

Alexandria and Suez, (Br.) 12, (Fr.) 12, 4 oz. Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, 24.

REGISTRATION, 8 cents, except Straits, Batavia, India, Aden, Suez, (Br.), Zanzibar, &c., Australia, &c., 12; Saigon, Pondicherry, Alexandria, (Fr.) 15, 4 oz. Double postage. There is no Registration to Bangkok, New Caledonia, or Zanzibar.

NEWSPAPERS (To all the above places) 2 cents.

BOOKS AND PATTERNS, 6 cents, except Malta, W. Africa, St. Helena, Ascension, &c. Books to New Caledonia, Letter Rate; Patterns cannot be sent by French Packet to Pondicherry, New Caledonia, Alexandria, or Suez, and cannot be paid to Saigon.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, 1 oz., 2 cents; 2 oz., 4 cents; Every 4 oz., 8 cents.

The United Kingdom.

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Brindisi (Br.)	30 6 4 8 14	
Marseilles (Fr.)	30 6 4 8 12	
Southampton (Br.)	24 4 2 4 8	
S. Francisco (U.S.)	12 2 2 4 8	
By Priv. Steamer	24 6 4 6 12	
via Brindisi	24 6 4 6 12	

Registration Fee, 8 cents.

PARCEL POST.—There is a common belief in the existence of a Parcel Post by which such articles as Fans, Curios, Silk Dresses, Scarves, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth, &c., can be forwarded at low rates. It cannot be too distinctly stated that such things can only be sent as Letters, and the very cheapest rate is 12 cents per half ounce by Private Steamer.

All such packages should be Registered (8 cents).

If the Parcel be heavy it can be sent through one of the Parcel Expresses conducted by Messrs Lane, Crawford, or Mr W. H. Nisley, which for anything over 4 or 5 ounces, will be found cheaper than the Post.

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Luxemburg,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Switzerland,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Denmark,.....	Letters 18 24 18 4 oz.		
Farø Islands,.....	Letters 18 24 18 4 oz.		
Heligoland,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Iceland,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Romania,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Sardinia,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Norway,.....	Letters 18 26 18 4 oz.		
Sweden,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Russia,.....	Nw. prs. 4 4 O.P.		
Registration	12 12 D.P.		
To all the above			

By British Packet.

	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books.	Patterns.
France,.....	18 12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Italy,.....	18 12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Spain,.....	18 12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Portugal,.....	18 12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Greece,.....	18 12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Malta,.....	18 12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		

Patterns cannot be sent to Spain, Portugal or Greece.

By French Packet.

	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books.	Patterns.
France & Algeria,.....	12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Italy,.....	12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Spain,.....	12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Portugal,.....	12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Greece,.....	12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		
Malta,.....	12 D.P.	O.P.	O.P.		

Patterns cannot be sent to Italy, Turkey, or Greece.

W. Africa, Islands of the Atlantic, (except St. Helena and Ascension), North, Central, and South America.

Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands, Azores, Bermudas.

	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books & Patterns.
United States (via Europe), Canary and Madeira Islands, Canada, Vancouver's Island, Prince Edward's Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia.	34 28			
Letters,.....	34 28			
Registration,.....	16 18			
Newspapers,.....	8 6			
Books and Patterns,.....	18 12			

W. Indies, Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Costa Rica, Guadalupe, Guatemala, Grey Town, Hayti, Honduras, La Guayra, Mexico, Monte Video, New Granada, Panama, Paraguay, Porto Rico, Surinam, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books & Patterns.
Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru.	64 58			
Letters,.....	64 58			
Newspapers,.....	8 6			
Books and Patterns,.....	20 14			
Registration,.....	None.			

Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper. The conditions are as follows:—

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unattached.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unattached; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet of newspapers posted either unpaid or insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid or insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

No newspaper can now be sent through the post a second time for the original postage. For each transmission a fresh postage is required.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wax, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inspected.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 6 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance),

drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in or on which writing or printing upon, and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertaining thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars, &c., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, may also be sent by book post.

But a book packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wax, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied up with string. Postmasters being authorized to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth. Exceptions.—No packets for Algeria, Azores, Cape Verde Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or for Egypt, Syria, or Turkey, when sent by French Packet, must be above 18 inches in length, width, or depth.

AS REGARDS PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; as, for example, a quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise, goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, but such articles only, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags, of linen, or of other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France samples of elder down, raw or thread silk, woolen or goats' hair thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or hainglass, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engravings, plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or wire, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone, viz: the Azores, Belgium, Cape Verde Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies; and not even to these places, viz: France, Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape Verde Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French Packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting "Circular Letters" to Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters for Singapore and the United Kingdom only from 11.10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

This above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

The Postmaster at San Francisco has given notice that letters despatched from this Colony (whether through the Post Office, or as consigned letters) by the United States Mail Packets, will not be forwarded to any place not within the United States, unless the proper Postage from America to such places be prepaid in American Postage Stamps; but will be returned to this Office.

Such letters should either be prepaid in both Hongkong and American Stamps as above, or posted to an Agent in the United States.

This notice chiefly applies to the following places, the American rates of Postage to which are as follows:—

Honolulu: Letters, 6 Cents per 1/2 oz.; Newspapers, 2 Cents; Books, 4 Cents per 4 oz.
Brazil: Letters, 15 Cents per 1/2 oz.; Fern, Chili &c.; Letters, 22 Cents per 1/2 oz.; Newspapers, 4 Cents; Books, 10 Cents per 4 oz.

Miscellaneous Notices.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-sending, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers, and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

Newspapers can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorized to demand change; and when money is paid at a Post Office, whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby impeded.

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in all such cases, to use either wax or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless, large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission.

By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created; and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets. All inland or colonial letters, therefore, which contain coin, and all inland letters which contain watches or jewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any article of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

Correspondence for New Zealand via Torres Straits.

A considerable amount of Correspondence being received directed to New Zealand via Torres Straits, it is notified that the New Zealand Post Office has declined to receive Mails by that route, hence there is no alternative but to forward such Correspondence via Galle.

Persons who are anxious to avail themselves of the Torres Straits Steamers to communicate with New Zealand, should address their letters, &c., to the date of an Agent at Sydney.

Letters, &c., addressed London only.—Many persons are in the habit of

addressing Letters &c., for well-known firms and individuals to London only; but this practice not unfrequently occasions delay in such Letters &c., reaching their rightful owners. In all cases, however, well the firm or individual for whom a letter is intended may be known, it is most essential to ensure its correct and prompt delivery, that the Street in which they reside and the number of the house, should form a part of the address.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a Chit-book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

It is not generally possible to count the letters sent in sealed boxes (except where there are only three or four) and therefore the Post Office receipt to such an entry as "42 for London, 15 for Calcutta, 3 for Penang, 6 for Singapore," must be taken to mean no more than what is stated, viz., that one box was duly received.

Stamps for Postal purposes, of the values of 2, 3, 5, and 10, can be obtained at the Post Office.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders will be issued at this Office and at the Agencies thereof at Shanghai and Yokohama on all the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Ireland, for amounts not exceeding £10, at the rate of Exchange current for each Mail, and charged with Commission according to the following Scale, viz:—

For sums not exceeding £2,.....18 Cents.
Above £2 and not exceeding £5,.....36
" 5 " " £10,.....72

2.—No Money Order to include a fractional part of a Penny.

3.—Orders drawn in the United Kingdom upon Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange ruling on the day of arrival of the advices of such orders.

4.—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5.—Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname, and, at least, the initial of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter or Payee be a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient, if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as "Baring Brothers" will suffice; but the mere term Messrs, such as Messrs. Rivington, or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as Carron Co. is inadmissible.

6.—The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving or withdrawing the name of the Payee; in such case, the Order will be crossed in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.—When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

8.—The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the place provided for the purpose. If the Payee be unable to write he must sign the receipt by making his mark in the presence of a Witness, who must sign his name, with his address in the presence of the Officer who pays the Order.

9.—Should the Payee of a Money Order desire to receive payment in the Country in which the Order was issued, at some other Office than that in which the Order was originally drawn, the transfer will be granted, provided the Order be inclosed to the Postmaster of the Office in which it was drawn. In such case a new Order will be issued, the Commission chargeable upon which will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

10.—In the event of a Money Order mislaid or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payee, (containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission) to the Office where the Original Order was payable.

11.—On the receipt of a similar application, orders will be given to stop payment of a Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new Order.

12.—But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payee should be corrected or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a Lapsed Order should be renewed for payment in the Country in which the Order was originally drawn, application must be made to the Chief Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

13.—Repayment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14.—Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn; for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order (for which a second Commission will be deducted from the amount of the Order, will be charged) will become necessary.

15.—If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn, for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January, all claim to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

16.—After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Country or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he see fit, require the Officer in fault to make good the loss.

17.—No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.

18.—Additional Rules for greater security against fraud, and for the better working of the system generally will be made as occasion may require.

19.—Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai, or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

THE CHINA REVIEW, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justifying such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and entertaining *Review*. It is a sixty-paged, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the *Review*. Address: *China Review*, Hongkong.—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

Traveller's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of material interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now successfully cultivated, and who are generally represented in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *She King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connection with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at *Four Dollars* per annum delivered in Hongkong, or *Seven Dollars Fifty Cents* including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under purely native direction. The editorial department is conducted by Mr. Chun Ayn, whose experience and competence have already been most fully demonstrated. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan, from Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese, consider themselves justified in guaranteeing an ultimate circulation of between 8,000 and 4,000 copies. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description—conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstructive in tone—in almost limitless. It is on the one hand a demand Chinese belief and interest while on the other it deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners. Like English journals it contains Editorials, with Local Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

Subscription orders for either of the above may be sent to:

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office,

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.		Section.	
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.		5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.	
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.		6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.	
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.		7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.	
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.		8. From Pier to East Point.	

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Arratoon Apar	3 c	Casa	Brit. str.	950	Mar. 13	Siemssen & Co.		
Anla	2 c	Patoau	Foh. str.	883	Mar. 15	Siemssen & Co.		
Ben Ledi	3 c	Buchanan	Brit. str.	999	Mar. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'apore and Penang	
Caydor Castle	4 c	Craig	Brit. str.	1496	Mar. 16	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Douglas	5 c	Burnie	Brit. str.	864	Mar. 16	Douglas, Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	at daylight
Flamingo	6 c	Couchoe	Brit. str.	1209	Mar. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Macgregor	4 c	Grainier	Brit. str.	1413	Mar. 10	Gilman & Co.		
Maharajah	4 h	Stephenson	Brit. str.	994	Mar. 14	Siemssen & Co.		Put back
Norna	2 h	Walker	Brit. str.	606	Feb. 24	Kwok Acheong		Laid up
Pawtuxet	4 k	.....	Amer. str.	280	June 18	Ang. Heard & Co.	S'pore and Australia	25th inst.
Queensland	4 c	Orang	Brit. str.	1457	Mar. 13	G. H. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	With Mails
Sunda	4 c	Edmond	Brit. str.	1693	Mar. 9	Landstein & Co.		
Waahl	4 c	Hunter	Brit. str.	265	Mar. 9	Kwok Acheong		Repairing
Yotung	2 h	.....	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Acheong		
Sailing Vessels								
Albatros	4 c	Koppelman	Ger. bk.	377	Feb. 16	Melchers & Co.	Chefoo	
Alden Besse	4 c	Moore	Brit. bk.	842	Mar. 10	Captain	Vancouver's Island	
Annie Gray	3 k	Rijs	Ger. bk.	727	Mar. 8	Rozario & Co.	Tientsin	
August	3 k	.....	Ger. bk.	274	Mar. 3	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Bu Caso	2 h	Lange	Siam. bk.	340	Mar. 7	Chinese		
Charif	4 c	Smith	Foh. bk.	255	Feb. 21	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Charter Oak	4 c	Hurne	Amer. bk.	963	Nov. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	New York	
Chateaubriand	4 c	Hurne	Foh. bk.	384	Mar. 10	Carlowitz & Co.		
Christina A. P.	8 h	Federico	Amer. sch.	175	Jan. 8	Order	Honolulu	Repairing
Colombo	2 c	Huier	Brit. bk.	364	Feb. 8	Russell & Co.		
Dora	4 k	Yusarte	Span. bk.	320	Mar. 9	H. Kist		
Edmond Gressler	4 c	Fauquet	Foh. bk.	300	Mar. 4	Landstein & Co.		
Edward James	7 c	Forbes	Amer. bk.	529	Mar. 16	Order	Bangkok	
Emma	4 c	Grau	Ger. bk.	340	Feb. 22	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Yokohama	
Esmeralda	4 c	Hansen	Ger. bk.	788	Feb. 28	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	
Fanny	4 c	Roual	Foh. bk.	1138	Mar. 8	Landstein & Co.		
Formosa	4 c	Scheyer	Ger. bk.	282	Mar. 4	Melchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Forward	3 c	Strahan	Brit. bk.	748	Mar. 18	Frazar & Co.	Saigon	
Franz	7 c	Hildebrandt	Brit. sch.	148	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland	
Garibaldi	4 h	Noyes	Amer. bk.	670	Dec. 26	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	
Hermann	7 c	Linkebach	Ger. bk.	848	Feb. 26	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Humboldt	4 c	Stolt	Ger. bk.	330	Feb. 16	Carlowitz & Co.	Batavia	
Irene	4 c	Hansen	Ger. bk.	278	Feb. 19	Carlowitz & Co.	Macao	
James Wilson	4 c	Friedauz	Brit. bk.	326	Feb. 4	Edell & Co.	San Francisco	
James Vincome	7 h	McPherson	Amer. sh.	638	Feb. 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Lathley Rich	3 c	Lewis	Brit. bk.	527	Jan. 28	Borneo Company		
Lord Macduff	7 c	McDonald	Brit. bk.	864	Mar. 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	San Francisco	
Margaret	4 c	Owens	Amer. sch.	366	Mar. 8	Olyphant & Co.		
Marion	4 c	Owens	Amer. sh.	382	Mar. 16	Russell & Co.		
Mary Whitridge	3 c	Outlar	Brit. bk.	484	Mar. 10	Captain	Hamburg	
Memento	4 c	Ruwal	Brit. bk.	354	Mar. 11	Wieler & Co.		
Naworth Castle	4 c	Abelmann	Ger. bk.	320	Feb. 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Takao	
Nicoline	4 c	Abelmann	Brit. bk.	1181	Mar. 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Northampton	3 k	Consterdine	Brit. bk.	400	Mar. 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Porka	3 c	Jewell	Brit. bk.	336	Mar. 10	Managers Maritimes	Portland (Oregon)	
Samuel G. Reed	3 c	Johnson	Amer. sh.	650	Dec. 18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Spirit of the Age	3 c	Johnson	Brit. bk.	847	Jan. 26	Rozario & Co.	San Francisco	
Symetra	4 c	Mullin	Amer. sh.	1073	May 16	Frazar & Co.	San Francisco	
Sydenham	4 c	Bristow	Brit. sh.	1052	Feb. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Yokohama	
Union	4 c	Medeschevskis	Span. sch.	152	Mar. 4	Remedios & Co.	Yokohama	
Vesta	3 k	Dirks	Ger. bk.	302	Mar. 3	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Villa de Rivadavia	4 c	Camus	Span. bk.	261	Mar. 17	Brandao & Co.		
Wm. Phillips	7 c	Heley	Amer. sch.	593	Mar. 10	Captain		
Wodan	3 c	Meyer	Ger. bk.	439	Mar. 8	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
WHAMPOA								
Haze	4 c	Wilkinson	Amer. sh.	664	Mar. 2	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Ino	4 c	Bannau	Ger. bk.	353	Mar. 15	Siemssen & Co.		
Nautilus	4 c	Bloeky	Brit. bk.	232	Mar. 4	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
CANTON								
Chinkiang	4 c	Hogg	Brit. str.	798	Mar. 17	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Yangtze	4 c	Schultz	Brit. str.	793	Mar. 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ariadne	6 c	German	corvette	1400	.....	.....	Mar. 14	Kühne
Audacious	6 c	British	iron-clad (flag-ship)	8750	14	800	Feb. 27	Colomb
Bayard	6 c	Russian	corvette	2000	.....	.....	Mar. 6	Boyle
Egeria	7 h	British	steam sloop	727	4	120	Feb. 23	W. F. Castle
Flamer	7 h	British	aux. naval hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	D. M. Inskip, Gen. Morgan
Frolic	6 h	British	gun vessel	462	4	100	.....	C. E. Buckle
Lily	6 c	British	gunboat	620	.....	.....	Feb. 29	Capt. Becker
Mesanees	6 k	British	military hospital	2591	.....	.....	.....	R. H. Paul
Mosquito	6 h	British	gunboat	285	4	60	.....	Francis Stirling
Thistle	6 h	British	gun vessel	464	.....	.....	Feb. 27	Commodore Pariah
Victor Emanuel	6 h	British	Commodore's flag ship	3087	2	.....	.....	H. C. D. Ryder
Vigilant	7 h	British	despatch vessel	650	2	250	Feb. 16	.....

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.
Fame	117	O'Bryan	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
Fei Wan	.....	.....	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
Johang	700	Martin	Butterfield and Swire
Kin Shan	457	Oary	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
Kin Kiang	617	Benning, A.	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
Lutin	69	.....	Kwok Acheong
Powan	1890	.....	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
Sanda	50	Scott	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy	101	.....	Kwok Acheong
Spark	140	Hoyland	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
White Cloud	280	Benning, T.	H. & W'pos Dock Co.
Yotsai	180	.....	Kwok Acheong

CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON WATERS, &c.

Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
An-lan	431	7	.....	J. Godall
Chen-tai	431	7	.....	Geo. Robertson
Chen-jui	28	1	.....	Wade
Chun-hai	280	6	.....	C. F. Demée
Peng-chao-hai	200	7	.....	Palmer
Sun-chi	180	5	.....	Scott
Tai-ling-ting	180	4	.....	C. De Longueville
Tien-po	150	6	.....	Iam Man Wo
Wing Po	600	8	150	.....

FOUCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Chun Sheng	British steamer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Douglas	for Hongkong	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forget-me-not	for Cheloo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fu Sheng	British steamer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lulu	for Shanghai	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milga	British gunboat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pallas	German barque	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Queen	British barque	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yung Ching	for Shanghai	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SHANGHAI SHIPPING IN HARBOUR.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Aden	Chinese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atalanta	German	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appin	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chinkiang	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Diamond	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dragon	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fire Quest	American	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Foochow	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fungahun	Chinese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fyehow	American	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Haining

H. O. Orsted	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hagan	Danish	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hobang	American	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hupoh	Chinese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lombardy	American	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lord of the Isles	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orlana	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nagoya Maru	Japanese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth Rock	American	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shanghai	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sin Nanfing	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Szechuan	American	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tehran	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tigre	French	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tunisi	British	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Adela	American schooner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alma	American barque	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benjamin Aymer	American barque	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oondor	German brig	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cuba	British barque	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eliza Shaw	British ship

* Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

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